



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Venue:	Goatstown ETSS, Churchtown
Date / Time:	May 17 th 2023, 19:30
Attendance:	<p>Ben Murray (Chairperson) Samantha Holman Moya Carey Mark Cookman Niamh Hyland Matt Quinn Suzin Staunton</p> <p>Nu (Third Year student) presenting on behalf of the Student Council</p>
Apologies:	<p>Finbarr Calally Louise Callaghan Jonathan Browner</p>
Agenda 1	Minutes and Declaration of Interest
	<p>Minutes were agreed and accepted. They were proposed by Moya and seconded by Mark. There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>Matters Arising: There were no Matters Arising.</p>
Agenda 2	Student Presentation
	<p>Nu attended the meeting and presented to the Board on a selection of student and school activities that took place over the last month. Included in the report were updates on the recent hike, robotics, chess, Green Week, and the Young Philosophers Award attended by some of the students. There was an update on the upcoming GETSS 3rd birthday party taking place on Sunday 21st May. Nu ended by expressing the Council's thanks to the staff and other students across the 3 years.</p>

	The Board thanked Nu for providing the detailed update on behalf of the Student Council and echoed the thanks to the staff for supporting the various activities.
Agenda 3	Child Safeguarding and Protection
	There were no matters to discuss under this item. The Board were reassured that all appropriate systems are in place and well managed.
Agenda 4	Health and Safety Report
	There were no matters to discuss under this agenda item. Remedial works are starting on the old building next week (w/s May 22nd).
Agenda 5	Correspondence
	<p>A letter has come in from the IAYO (Irish Association of Youth Orchestras) requesting the use of the premises for the 28th/29th October for 50/60 students. This is agreed in principle, subject to clarification on the availability of the hall.</p> <p>A request has come in from a music school to use a room on the site for piano teaching, and the music school will provide the piano and leave on the school premises available for the school to use. This was agreed and will commence in September 2023.</p>
Agenda 6	Building Report
	No further update from our last meeting.
Agenda 7	Policies Update
	<p>The Board discussed and approved 4 policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme (RSE) • Acceptable User Policy (AUP) • Transition Year Programme (TY) • Trips for 2023/2024. <p>In the discussion, it was agreed to link the DE Circular on RSE to the RSE policy. The Board were informed, as part of the AUP policy, that new monitoring software will be installed on student devices to prevent inappropriate use of the technology. There was a request to include in the AUP policy a statement on the respectful use of copyright material and a statement on the students' use of AI. In the TY discussion, the Board were notified that there was a recent parents' evening where there was a TY presentation, and the feedback was very positive. It was agreed to approve a 500 Euro cost to TY parents to cover expenses throughout the year. The Board asked that an evaluation of TY be built into the programme to inform later iterations of the programme. All policies were approved subject to small edits and clarifications.</p>

Agenda 8	PSA Report
	The PSA are actively involved in the planning for the upcoming birthday celebrations and event at the coming weekend. The Board also thanked the PSA for their feedback and contribution to the policies brought to the Board for discussion.
Agenda 9	Principal's Report (Items not already discussed)
	The principal's report was taken as read and all actions needing discussion and approval at the meeting were discussed in the agenda items above.
Agenda 10	AOB
	The Board issued their thanks and praise for the incredible work that Matt and Niamh and the Goatstown ETSS staff are doing in the absence of Jonathan.
Agenda 11	Agree Date & Time of next meeting
	Next meeting will take place on July 3 rd at 7:30 p.m. with a finance sub-committee meeting in advance of this at 7:00 p.m.